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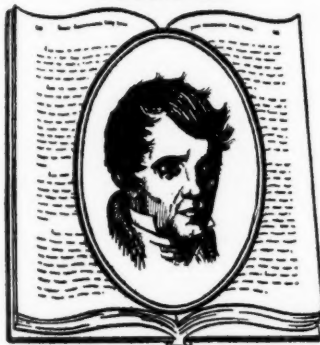
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2c	Whistler	Cooper	Sousa	Hopkins	Morse	Whittier	Long
3c	St. Gaudens	Emerson	Herbert	Eliot	McCormick	Lowell	Burbank
5c	French	Alcott	MacDowell	Willard	Howe	Whitman	Reed
10c	Remington	Clemens	Nevin	Washington	Bell	Riley	Addams

The latest announcement of the postoffice Department stated that the first of these stamps, the Artists set would appear in December and that the others would follow as rapidly as possible. We urge you not to delay in ordering your sets of envelopes. Be certain, order at once and we will guarantee delivery in plenty of time for all envelopes. Linprint envelopes are the biggest sellers of all Pictorial envelopes, over 60,000 sold for the Four State Stamp issued in November.

What we hope is a final announcement of the Postoffice Department changes their original announcement so that the denominations of these coming stamps are now announced to be 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c. The sequence of issue of the seven sets remains the same, first Artists, then Authors and so on in alphabetical order for the groups. The sequence of portraits on the stamps has been altered to make them come on the different denominations in the order of their dates of birth. The earliest birth date being placed on the 1c stamp, the next on the 2c and so on through the issue.

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Oddities Among Our Stamps

By BOB RICHARDSON

IT'S the odd or unusual that is certain to attract the eye, as many persons before and since Barnum have proven. So with that in mind the writer entered in a non-competitive display some years ago a frame of "stamp oddities." The customers of the department store who bothered to look at the exhibition generally gave the frame a thorough inspection. In assembling the contents the prospect of forming a collection of such oddities became more and more interesting, so the search (still going strong) for more was on. It doesn't look, either as if it will end soon! Such a collection when called upon to show or talk stamps proved adaptable to most any audience, junior or senior collectors, or non-collectors.

Two rules were soon "cooked up" to prevent the collection from becoming too bulky and to keep the scope of the collection within the original intentions. The first rule was that the oddity had to do with the stamp primarily, not the person or thing depicted. For instance there is an Argentine stamp which a movie producer used as a model in making up a historical character when no other portrait could be found of the hero. That stamp consequently was eligible for admission to the not too particular precincts. However some odd fact about the life of General San Martin or some other person depicted on Argentine stamps does not concern the stamp and stamps depicting these persons are not included in the collection for that reason. In brief, emphasis was on the stamp being odd, not the subject of it. The second rule was to bar oddities deliberately created by collectors. The use of a state revenue for postage is odd; but not if the user was a stamp collector who knew better. So far, despite these restrictions, the covers keep edging the stamps out, but "weeding" now and then keeps a proper balance between the two.

There are hundreds of oddities of all sorts that are eligible for a collection of this type. They are equally common on both old and recent issues. You can include varieties costing at the most only a few cents each and still make a very representative collection. There are of course many interesting oddities which are rare and expensive but there are so many less expensive varieties available that having to pass by the rarities need not dampen the enthusiasm of the search.

Here are some of these oddities:—

In 1910, the Colombian Republic celebrated the centenary of its Independence from Spain with among other things the handsomest set of stamps it had ever issued. Among the designs was a large red and black 10c Registration stamp



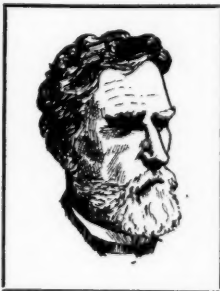
carrying the inscription in Spanish beneath the picture "Execution in Cartagena the 24th of February 1816 by order of the Spanish Governor." The scene shows troops facing a group of prisoners about to die by the firing squad. The Spanish Minister at Bogota promptly protested the wording and design as unfriendly to his country. It seems that in 1816 during the war for independence

the Spanish General Murillo had besieged Cartagena by land and sea. After four months resistance the defenders endeavored to escape by sea and about 400 succeeded. Murillo on entering the city set up a military tribunal to judge the rebels whom he termed "brigands" and enticing the hidden survivors into town under promise of a general amnesty, had them shot in a body on Feb. 24, 1816. A very discreditable proceeding, which quite naturally the Spanish minister wished forgotten. The Colombians, surprisingly, acceded to his demands and the stamp was withdrawn and today is much commoner unused than in cancelled condition, because the Colombians decided to let bygones be bygones.

When the 1 penny stamp of Jamaica was prepared in 1919, the designer forgot to include anything to indicate what the label was to be for. A new design was later adopted with words "POSTAGE & REVENUE" added. Further criticism

Famous American Artists

AUGUSTUS H. SAINT-GAUDENS



The appeal of the works of Saint-Gaudens is attributed in great part to the fact that at the age of 13 he was apprenticed to a cameo cutter, and spent six years working on these engravings. Gaudens was an adopted citizen of the U. S., having been born in Dublin, Ireland on March 1, 1848, of French and Irish ancestry. During his apprenticeship he studied art at the Cooper Union in New York City, and in 1867 at the end of his apprentice work he went to Paris and three years later to Rome, returning to the U. S. in 1873. He was the first American sculptor with a thorough French training. The monument to Admiral Farragut, constructed in 1878, for placing in Madison Square set his fame on a firm foundation. The famous bronze "Diana" which topped the old Madison Square Garden was his work. His best portrait work, the Lincoln Head was completed in 1887 and is a part of the famous statue of Lincoln seated, in Grant Park, Chicago. The original plaster cast of the head was used in 1909 by permission of his widow and by request of President Theodore Roosevelt as model for the 2c Lincoln Memorial stamp. His other works included a great variety of types of sculpture. Cemetery pieces, plaques of contemporary famous or wealthy, ornamental pieces, etc. He was awarded numerous medals and honors during his career. Though he died at Cornish, N. H., August 3, 1907, Saint-Gaudens remains America's outstanding sculptor.

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then developed of the inscription below the scene of an Arawak Indian woman preparing cassava. The inscription says "ARAWAK MAKING CASSAVA." Actually the lady is making "farinha" the meal made by grating etc. the root of the bush. The dusky lady, critics pointed out, cannot "make" cassava—Mother Nature reserving to herself the production of these bushes.

The inscriptions on Swiss stamps have often puzzled beginners who have asked where this country of "Helvetia" is, or thinking the word is the name of the money used, ask how much a helvetia is in U. S. money. The little republic however uses this name on its stamps as a compromise with the four official languages of the country: German, French, Italian and Romany. Since it



isn't practical to use all four or to print four of each design of a stamp, the government since 1882 has used the latin name of the country—"Helvetia." Thus it is the only country in the world, not excluding Vatican City, to use latin for the country name, though it is true many stamp inscriptions, particularly mottoes have been in that dead language.

James Brooke was an English military officer who served well, the Sultan of Brunei in ending the scourge of piracy off the coast of the island of Borneo. Reward came in the form of the neighboring territory of Sarawak, which has been built by him and his descendants into an orderly, prosperous little state. James Brooke and his descendants are recognized as Rajahs and the state, except for the nominal protection of Great Britain is an independent country. Stamps were first issued in 1869 and ever since have been printed by English printers. In the 1890s, the firm of De La Rue & Co. had the contracts for

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On October 2nd a British newspaper published a statement that it was able to announce exclusively that no stamps to commemorate the centenary of the war ends quickly as "the printers will be otherwise engaged." This statement was questioned by philatelic papers and official confirmation was forthcoming in *Stamp Collecting* that "it is now definite that there will be no centenary stamp issue next year." The great exhibition planned for next May has also been called off.

LINN's readers will no doubt be interested to learn of this cancellation of plans and it appears that if the centenary of the adhesive postage stamp is going to be at all celebrated with a stamp issue that the United States will be the logical place for that and other forms of celebration. We have received requests for as many as 50 of the Resolutions printed on Page One of our Nov. 11 number and collectors are urged to get their copies signed and distributed, so that the wishes of stamp collectors will be made clear. Have you sent in your copy of the Resolution yet?

Columbus Installs Officers

New officers of the Columbus Philatelic Club were installed at a dinner held Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Chittenden Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. The new President, Dr. David B. Gilliam, was inducted into office by affirming his oath with hand upon a 1940 Scott Catalogue. Other officers are Lee Kirchner, Vice-Pres.; R. W. Richardson, Secy.; Pete Van Leeuwen, Treas.; and a Board composed of R. F. Williams, Carl Sachs, John Tipton, Ralph Guda, Bernard Feitlinger, Ray Shepard, and George Sturgeon.

Meetings are held on first and third Friday evenings on the Parlor floor of the Chittenden and all collectors are welcome. Contests and exhibits are being planned for meetings and much effort is being made in connection with the annual exhibition to be held January 20 and 21.

Callan III

Friends of "Barney" Callan, old time stamp collector, well known to many collectors, will be sorry to learn he is ill and has been in bed since June 10. He would no doubt be pleased to hear from old friends at his home, 68 Oakwood Ave., Newark, Ohio.

• Another stamp to show a radio station is that recently issued by Slovakia picturing that country's "radio priest," Rev. Josef Murgas, and radio towers.

First Of Famous Americans Series Expected In December

Rumors, not yet officially confirmed, have been reported that the first of the Famous Americans series will appear in December. As work had progressed best on the portraits, approval of proofs, etc., of the Authors set, it was also rumored that this set would appear before the Artists. Changes in colors of at least one stamp are also expected, and in general the unofficial reports are that there is a great deal of indecision on matters concerning the series, so collectors should watch carefully our columns for official announcements of changes.

Other rumors are to the effect that the denominations will be changed again, that the size will be such that the stamp will be in sheets of 70 and that the first group won't be issued until January.

• Ship collectors will be interested to learn that the ships on the 1½d and 2½d 1919 Jamaica have been identified. The one on the 1½d is the *Verdala* and the 2½d shows the *H. M. S. Cambrian* (one of two ships of that name of post-war days).

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NOTES ON U. S. ISSUES

When the 3c Printing stamp was issued at New York on September 25, Harry Himmelfarb mailed himself a cover franked with a 2c Hudson Fulton stamp as well as the 3c Printing, for he points out these are the only two commemoratives issued on the same date (Sept. 25) at the same city (New York). According to Scott's Specialized the Fulton stamps were issued Sept. 18, but the official order of 1909 to postmasters stated the stamps were to be issued Sept. 25, so pre-first days are not new. Albany and New York are reputed to have issued the stamp on Sept. 18.

From the end of a box of grapefruit, C. E. Barr of McKees Rocks, submits a stamp about the size of a block of four Special Deliveries, inscribed "Mature Citrus Fruit Tax Paid—2c—Texas," etc. This is a tax stamp applied when citrus fruits are inspected by the state. Such stamps have been used since 1927 and generally only two denominations are used per year.

An unusual lot in the Mint Sheet Brokerage's Dec. 1 Hi-Hat Sale is a set of the Louisiana Purchase in full sheets. These stamps were printed from plates of 100 subjects which were cut into two panes of 50. The same sale also includes a pair of a newly found error of the current 3c Presidential, a horizontal pair imperforate between.

Many collectors confuse the Canal Zone postal service with that of the rest of the United States, and orders received by the Philatelic Agency recently for the overprinted Presidentials for the Zone postal service has made it necessary for the Post Office Dept. to make an announcement calling attention to the fact that Canal Zone stamps may not be obtained from the Agency at Washington. Canal Zone stamps are sold only at the Zone, and mail orders for stamps are accepted by the Zone's Agency at Balboa Heights, Canal Zone. The overprinted Presidentials are not good for postage on mail sent from other than Zone post offices.

Referring to the statistics of the Royal Train R. P. O. covers given on page 22 of Nov. 11 LINN'S, the talk by Supt. Hardy was delivered before the Collectors Club of Washington and not the Woodridge Stamp Club. The item was reported by the Woodridge club.

The government's booklet on U. S. Commemoratives, sold for 10c at the Philatelic Truck's stops, has been adopted by the Boston (Mass.) public schools as a sort of textbook. Over 30,000 copies of the booklet were distributed in this manner in a few weeks.

Our covers of the Nov. 2 first days of the Four States stamp came through cancelled to perfection. The cancellation is a dandy—we think!

What are errors worth? What you can get for them. A used pair of the 3c 1932 regular issue stamp, imperforate between, and described as a very fine used pair, brought \$12.00 at the Gerber S. P. A. Convention sale. An off-center block of the 3c 1917 flat plate (No. 502d) imperf horizontally and cataloging \$400.00, brought \$27.00. A similar block of the 1c imperf vertically, cataloging \$100 brought \$19.

Occasionally a sheet of 110 stamps is found in post office shipments; the result of cutting the printed sheets improperly into four panes. A block of 12 stamps with gutter between, from one of these freak size panes, was sold for \$27.50 at Eugene Klein's A. P. S. Sale.

The Alaska-Yukon imperforate was issued primarily for use in vending machines, though no such usage seems to have been made. At the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition at Seattle in 1909 the U. S. Automatic Vending Machine Co. sold little envelopes (pochettes) which had the peculiar notched perforations on their open ends, inside of which were two of the 2c imperforate (but not

with private perforation) and a 1c 1908 imperf. The stamps were sold at face value to advertise and demonstrate the vending machines.

All of the ships shown on the Canal Zone's "Before and After" series are commercial vessels with the exception of the 7c "Bas Obispo—After." The ship shown in this scene is the U. S. S. Houston, the picture having been taken on July 11, 1934, as the cruiser entered the north end of Gaillard Cut with President Franklin D. Roosevelt aboard.

Original designs of the Canal Zone's anniversary issue were completed by Virgil D. Westbrook, architectural designer in the Section of Office Engineer.

A pair of the 12c Presidentials is reported by Charles S. Myers of Belmont, Calif. with Skagway, Alaska cancellation dated May 31, 1936. This is two years and some months before the stamps were issued. An interesting curiosity.

Philatelic Agency receipts for October were \$47,511.27.

R. E. Alderfer of McDonald, Ohio, sends his first day covers with hand-drawn water colored cachets and kindly sent us one of the Four States Stamp, which was quite attractive.

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• The reason the Afghanistan stamps of the late seventies are known each value in five colors is many of these were printed from plates containing different values in the same plate.

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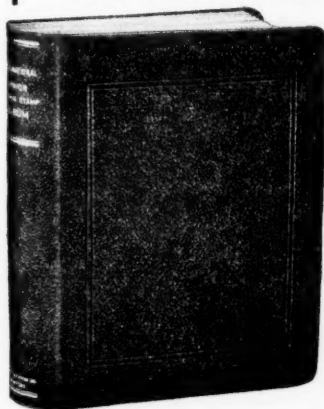
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Editor's Notebook

REMOVING THE DOUBT The announcement of Philatelic Research Laboratories Inc., elsewhere in this number of a reduction in the charge for scientific examination of stamps is news as well as advertising. Prior to the lowering of the examination fee, scientific examination of stamps was limited almost entirely to the rarities and the average collector had to be, as a general rule, content with opinions from experts for stamps whose catalogue quotations were only a few dollars. Now it is possible for the average collector or dealer to obtain an unqualified "O. K." for his stamps, thereby removing doubts he may have and putting their activities on a definite basis, removed from the uncertainties accompanying opinions of the experts—who frequently differ. That there are many owners of stamps who are willing—even anxious—to learn definitely if certain stamps of theirs are what they appear to be, is obvious from the worldwide character of the Laboratories' business.

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One of the features of the Laboratories' work that will do much good in the future is the use of enlarged photos to show the findings. This makes all clear and the collector is not discouraged by technical terms.

Last week we commented on the lack in philately of research to authenticate stamp issues; research to prove that stamps accepted by the hobby as bona-fide postal issues actually were entitled to such recognition. Research to determine the genuineness of individual specimens of recognized issues is another way for philately to combat its enemies. Certified photos are decisions, while the initials of experts represent opinions only.

There are still many stamps on which opinions suffice, but there are many others on which the opinions are based on characteristics which when seriously

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considered prove debatable and often absurd. We can think of no better example than the famed Orangeburg coil. One characteristic, experts have said, is that all used copies must have a machine cancellation. If the cancellation of a supposed copy is other than this wavy flag cancel used at Orangeburg, the stamp is definitely supposed to be ruled out of consideration. A decision that any postal clerk could prove faulty. Every post office having a machine to cancel mail also has a hand cancelling device; and by their very nature of use the two cancellations are quite different. Consequently stray pieces of mail, odd sized pieces, stamps on letters going through the machine and being missed by that cancel—all receive the hand cancellation. Any one of these or other things might have occurred so that one or some of the Orangeburgs received a hand cancel. That none of the known copies have a hand cancel, doesn't prove that they did not or do not exist. Most other opinions on stamps are equally liable to "ifs" which render such opinions worthless; which makes scientific examination in our opinion the only choice for many stamps.

—R. R.

Annual Events Calendar

Akron, O.—20th Annual Annual Open House of the Rubber City, S. C., Mayflower Hotel, Dec. 9-10.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa—8th Annual Banquet and Exhibition, Dec. 2-3, Cedar Rapids Stamp Club, Montrose Hotel.

Davenport, Iowa—Annual banquet of the Quad-Cities Stamp Club at the Davenport (Iowa) Chamber of Commerce, Dec. 12.

Ferndale, Mich.—5th Annual Exhibition, Bourse and Banquet, Dec. 2, at Lincoln High School. Ferndale Stamp Club.

Muskegon, Mich.—Annual exhibit Nov. 26 to Dec. 15 of the Muskegon Stamp Club at the Hackley Art Gallery with bourse and get-together Dec. 2.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Annual dinner, election, Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, Dec. 4.

Streamliner Cachet Postponed

Due to an accident involving the Burlington railroad's "Pioneer Zephyr", it was not possible for the road to mail covers Nov. 11, on board this train to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the first streamliner to have a Railway Post Office. Unless collectors ask for return of their covers, they will be carried and cacheted the latter part of December when the train will have achieved its millionth mile of operation, Burlington officials state.

• From R. J. Lewinson Co. comes a copy of their new Price List of U. S. Stamps. It is the first we've seen where the old and new Scott numbers are given of each stamp in parallel columns. The 50-page booklet is pocket size and lists practically everything in U. S. Copies on request of them at 825 W. End Ave., New York City.

Chilean Commemoratives

The printing of the 50th anniversary of Occupation of Easter Island issue had been completed in October, Chile Filatelico states. The decree authorizing the issuance of these belated stamps (they are dated "1888-1938") was expected to be momentarily proclaimed by the President of Chile. These will be Chile's first semi-postals.

A new stamp of 10 pesos denomination was added to the regular issue, titled "FF. CC. del Estado" (State Railway) and depicts a freight train approaching at speed.

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260 2c Harding imperf	1.60	.38 .38
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262 2c Walloon	.82	.19 .06
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265 5c Lexington	2.90	.65 .60
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276 2c Hawaii	.70	.16 .16
277 5c Hawaii	1.65	.40 .40
278 2c Aeronautics	.28	.06 .05
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282 2c Edison rotary	.30	.08 .02
283 2c Edison coil	.14	.02 .02
284 2c Sullivan	.18	.04 .03
285 2c Fallen Timber	.27	.06 .07
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287 2c Mass. Bay	.16	.04 .02
288 2c Charleston	.32	.08 .09
289 2c Braddock	.17	.04 .06
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711 6c bicentenn. o. c.	.40	.10 .01
712 7c bicentennial	.35	.09 .03
713 8c bicentennial	.42	.11 .04
714 9c bicentennial	.48	.12 .02
715 10c bicentennial	.80	.20 .01
716 2c Lake Placid	.11	.03 .02
717 2c Arbor Day	.11	.03 .02
718 3c Olympic	.32	.08 .01
719 5c Olympic	.32	.08 .03
720 3c Penn	.18	.05 .02
721 3c Webster	.22	.06 .02
722 3c Ogelthorpe	.18	.05 .02
723 3c Newburgh	.18	.05 .02
724 1c Chicago	.06	.02 .01
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726 1c Chicago imp.	.11	.03 .02
727 3c Chicago imp.	.20	.05 .04
728 3c NRA	.20	.05 .01
729 3c Byrd	.27	.06 .05
730 5c Kosciuszko	.30	.07 .03
731 3c Byrd imperf	.32	.08 .07
732 3c Maryland	.17	.05 .02
733 3c Mothers rotary	.14	.04 .01
734 3c Mothers flat	.17	.05 .03
735 3c Wisconsin	.18	.05 .02
736-749 Parks set epl.	2.75	.70 .30
750 3c Park imperf.	.32	.08 .05
751 1c Park imperf.	.16	.04 .02
752-771 Farley imperf.	6.60	1.65 2.00
772 1c Park	.05	.02 .01
773 2c Park	.10	.03 .02
774 3c Park	.15	.04 .01
775 4c Park	.18	.05 .03
776 5c Park	.26	.07 .04
777 6c Park	.34	.08 .06
778 7c Park	.33	.09 .05
779 8c Park	.40	.10 .07
780 9c Park	.45	.11 .05
781 10c Park	.58	.14 .06
782 3c Connecticut	.14	.04 .02
783 3c San Diego	.14	.04 .02
784 3c Boulder Dam	.14	.04 .02
785 3c Michigan	.14	.04 .02
786 3c Texas	.14	.04 .02
787 3c Rhode Island	.14	.04 .02
788 3c Arkansas	.14	.04 .02
789 3c Oregon	.14	.04 .02
790 3c Susan Anthony	.14	.04 .01
791 1c Army	.06	.02 .01
792 2c Army	.11	.03 .01
793 3c Army	.15	.04 .01
794 4c Army	.20	.05 .04
795 5c Army	.25	.07 .04
796 6c Navy	.06	.02 .01
797 1c Navy	.11	.03 .01
798 2c Navy	.15	.04 .01
799 3c Navy	.20	.05 .04
800 4c Navy	.25	.07 .04
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Karelia

For the first time in years the name "Karelia" is featured in foreign dispatches, the Soviet government trying to force Finland into accepting a portion of this autonomous "republic" in return for naval and military bases in Finnish territory. In 1922 the name first entered philatelic catalogs with the advent of a series of 15 stamps whose actual use for postage is still in doubt.

Karelia is a touchy question with Finland. The Finns had waged a fairly successful war with the Bolsheviks from 1917 until the weary Soviets signed the Treaty of Dorpat on Oct. 14, 1920, acknowledging the independence of the former Grand Duchy and promising among other things that Eastern Karelia



which was retained by Russia would be given autonomy. The Soviets did not keep their promise and entered upon a campaign to thoroughly sovietize the district. The Finns and Karelians are related by race, religion and political beliefs and so after one year of unkept promises the Karelians rebelled. The stamps are inscribed in Finnish currency and were evidently ordered early in the struggle for they are dated 1921. For months the Karelians maintained their forces in the field—or rather in the swamps—for that is a characteristic of the country, but the Red Army triumphed in 1922 and the leaders and rebels were systematically executed. Since then the district has become thoroughly Russianized with the endless bureaus. The stamps have been forged and because of their mystery and the activities of fakers, are not popular.

The Finns too issued stamps for Karelia, or a part of it. In the latter part of their war for independence they captured Olonetz and in 1919 issued a few stamps overprinted with the Finnish version of that name "Aunus." The occupation was short lived as the Soviets recaptured the place. Only last year the Finns issued a semi-postal stamp commemorating their victories of 1918. The Epic "Kalevala" which is referred to by other Finnish stamps was collected in Karelia, it might be added, which binds the two countries closer together despite Soviet Russia.

• A new price list, pocket size is at hand from the Lone Star Stamp Co. of Gainesville, Texas. In addition to U. S. it includes the possessions and British North America. Both 1939 and 1940 cat. numbers are given. Copy is free upon request.

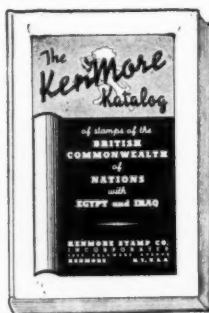
Cedar Rapids Annual Banquet

The Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Stamp Club, with chapters of the T. M. P. S., S. P. A., and A. P. S., will hold its 8th annual banquet and exhibition on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 and 3 at the Montrose Hotel, Cedar Rapids. The exhibition opens at 2 P.M. on Saturday and will close on Sunday at 5 P.M. Bourse space is given with a banquet ticket at no extra charge. A buffet lunch will be served at 6:30 P.M. Saturday, while the banquet will be at 12:30 P.M. Sunday. Registration, banquet and souvenir of the occasion cost only one dollar. Entertainment of a varied nature is promised. A special meeting of all stamp and coin collectors is called for Sunday at 11:50 A.M. Reservations or inquiries may be made of A. E. Washburn, 1604 8th Ave., S. E., Cedar Rapids, Chairman.

Quad-Cities Banquet

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, the Quad-City Stamp Club will hold its annual banquet at 6:30 P. M. at the Davenport Chamber of Commerce, 4th and Main Sts., Davenport, Iowa. Tickets will cost \$1.00. An auction, cards, etc., are promised. A one-frame exhibit will be held; each member attending being requested to bring one frame.

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—H. M. Southgate

We have heard rumors that the 1c and 1½c coils were due for Columbus but as yet they have not appeared. You will also note that no value has been precancelled other than the values used in the previous issue. The 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 24 have not appeared as yet.

THE GUIDE

The *Specialists Guide to Bureau Print Precancels* is at hand and is all it was touted to be. Made like the Bureau Catalog with plenty of illustrations including drawings of the rotary presses showing how and where the offsets occur that make the so-called "doubles." Other illustrations show how repairs are made and of course there are many illustrations showing the different repairs. Letters that are out of line are not illustrated.

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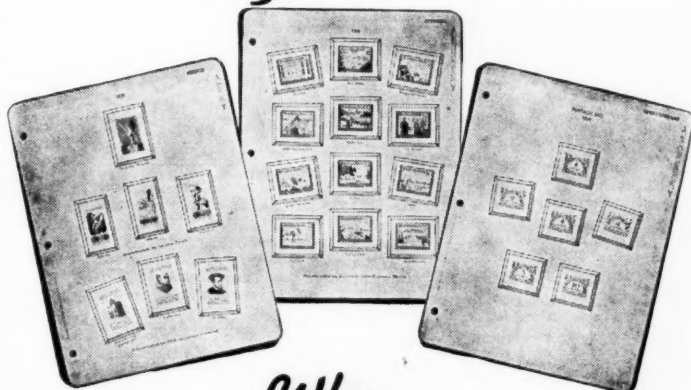
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NOTES

Here is some new stuff from out in the midwest sent in by Walt Reid of Charleston, Ill. 1c Ames, Iowa, in a new electro similar to U-10 but more expanded. Might be the same as the new Chicago electro or could be a type-set but it don't look it.—4½c Kansas City, Mo., U-17 inv.; 1½c Bloomington, Ill., U-3; 1c Urbana, Ill., U-122; 1c Goshen, Ind., U-2; 1c Mason City, Ia., U-1 inv.; 1c Mattoon, Ill., U-120; 1½c Decatur, Ill., U-1.

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DUTCH INDIES—Postage Due Stamp. New value, perf. 12½:

D5—1c. light red

(R. Roberts)

ESTONIA—Change in Color.

A22—30s. ultramarine

(Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News)

GUINEA—Commemorative Air Post Stamp. Overprinted in green same as similar stamp noted for Angola in a previous chronicle:

AP1—5c. red-brown

(R. Roberts)

INDIA—Cochin. Official Stamp. Under-noted value overprinted "ON CGS" in thick letters. Lithographed, perf. 10½:

A9—2s. gray

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

Gwalior. We are informed that the Indian 1 on 1½ annas King George V issue has been overprinted for Gwalior Service, also that the



whole set of the new Indian King George VI Service stamps has been overprinted "Gwalior State."

Patalia. We have received the 1 anna on 1½ annas Indian King George V issue which has been overprinted "Patalia State Service" and are informed that the new Indian King George VI Service stamps of 9 pies and 1 anna have been overprinted "Patalia State."

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

Patalia. Change in color of overprint. Blue instead of black, otherwise same as Scott's O40:

A46—3p. slate

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

JAPAN—New Pictorial. Small upright rectangular format, wmkd. new style of wavy lines that have been on stamps recently issued; issued October 16th:

7 sen, dark green (Mountains of Korea)

(Karl Lewis)

MACAO—Commemorative Air Post Stamp. Overprinted in dark green, same as stamp of Guinea noted above:

50a. red brown

(R. Roberts)

MEXICO—Printing Press Commemoratives. Upright rectangular format:

Postage

2c. black (Friar John de Zumarraga)

5c. green (Bell's Building, Mexico City, first printing office in Mexico)

10c. maroon (Viceroy Antonio de Mendoza)

Air Post

20c. blue (Frontispiece of first book printed in Mexico, 1544)

50c. green (Cover of First Law Book printed in Mexico)

1P. sepia & red (Colophon of the oldest printing work done in Mexico)

(Stamp Collecting)

MOZAMBIQUE—Commemorative Air Post Stamp. Overprinted in dark green, same as for like stamp of Guinea:

5c. red-brown

(R. Roberts)

MOZAMBIQUE CO. President's Tour Commemoratives. Under-noted stamps overprinted "28 VII 1939 VISITA PRESIDENCIAL":

A41—30c. dark green & indigo (red ovpt)

A42—40c. gray-blue & black (red ovpt)

A43—45c. blue & brown (black ovpt)

A44—50c. dark violet & emerald (red ovpt)

A48—85c. orange-red & black (black ovpt)

A51—2c. pale-lilac & brown (black ovpt)

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

Cubans Dated Incorrectly

Cuba's two handsome new stamps commemorating (1839-1939) the centenary of the birth of Lieutenant General Calixto Garcia have drawn some attention from Cuban collectors who claim the issue is two years late. The general was born August 4, 1837, in Holguin, Filatelia Cubana states. (And our encyclopedia says 1836!—Ed.) The stamps are dated "1839-1939."

Constitution Error Found

A sheet of 80, states the *New York Sun*, has been found of the Brazil U. S. Constitution stamp imperforate. Whether this is the only one issued is not yet known. Such errors on recent Brazilian issues are not common, though imperforate sheets of unknown history are known of practically every commemorative of recent years. The sheet has been broken into 38 pairs and a block.



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• Early in 1938 the Canadian Revenue Society began publication of its "Bulletin," a mimeographed affair containing notes on old and new Canadian revenues. Recently they began publication serially of a catalog. Mr. R. DeL. French, McGill University, Montreal is Secretary and will be glad to hear from collectors interested in these stamps.

• On the occasion last month of the tenth anniversary of air mail service between the U. S. and Argentina, Presidents Roosevelt and Ortiz exchanged letters of greeting. Mails and passengers are now carried between the two countries in 48 hours.

Auction Calendar

Nov. 28-29—283rd Sale, large collection of U. S. and Colonies. Vahan Morian, Inc., 505 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Nov. 30—Mail Sale (lots listed on page 37). The Stamp House, 35 Court St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Dec. 1-2—U. S., Foreign, M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

Dec. 2—Specialties. F. R. Ferryman Stamps, Inc., 505 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dec. 8—U. S., Possessions. Uptown Stamp Co., 140 W. 42nd St., New York City.

Dec. 13—Foreign, featuring Germany and Colonies. Max F. Bier Co., P. O. Box 14, Staten Island, N. Y.

Dec. 16—7th Mail Sale, mainly U. S. R. J. Lewinson Co., 825 West End Ave., New York City.

Jan. 5—Hi-Hat Sale. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 415 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

• 351 frames were entered in the exhibition of the Cicero-Berwyn Philatelic Society, Nov. 11-12. Attendance they state, was in the thousands.

• The *American Mercury* in the October number carried an article by a non-collector in the usual vein titled "Making Fools of Philatelists."

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The Brown sale which had recently been held here in New York, has done much to stimulate business. Because of the fine publicity given to this collection with reference to the fine manner in which it was compiled and also the prices various items drew, dealers throughout the city report renewed activity in practically all 19th century United States stamps.

Dealers also report that French Air Mails, both new and old, are becoming quite popular and there is a demand for these adhesives. Stocks of these stamps were low, and are now depleted. This shortage is attributed to the fact that since the war started not one stamp has been received from France.

Auction sales here in New York are in full swing once more. Everyone seems busy checking over lots, marking catalogues, or assembling new lots for future sales. All this brings us to the next sale to be held by Hugh Barr. In the sale there will be placed on auction a very large lot of the Great Britain 1d black. This stamp as you already know is famous for being the world's first postage stamp. Because next year will mark the centenary of the postage stamp, this lot should prove to be a very interesting one indeed.

The proposal by Linns for a stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of the postage stamp has received considerable comment here in New York.

The Fifth Philatelic Congress to be held this year in Atlantic City, N. J.,

has attracted many New York dealers and collectors. One interesting factor about this Congress will be the round table discussion of a collector, a dealer, a philatelic writer and a representative of the Post Office Department. They will discuss several philatelic questions as viewed from these four angles and be heard over your radio as this program will be transmitted over station WPG and possibly networks.

First Edition Was Small

Recently the Collector's Club of New York City had on exhibition through courtesy of Hugh M. Clark, Pres., Scott Publications, Inc., the earliest known copy of a Scott's Catalogue. This was Catalog No. 3 and consisted of a single sheet of paper, printed on one side, 8x17 inches, and listing only foreign stamps. It was dated August, 1867. No copies of No. 1 or No. 2 are known to exist. From these pricelists of the stamps in stock by J. W. Scott, the present day large catalogue grew.

Stationery Collector Dead

Death caused by a heart attack, removed from philately on Nov. 9 the foremost American collector of postal stationery, A. Eugene Michel, advertising agency executive of New York City. Mr. Michel had the third largest collection of postal stationery entireties in the world, filling 153 volumes and including many unusual items. He also collected covers and had many rare items of peculiar philatelic interest. Mr. Michel, whose age was 59, leaves a widow and a daughter, to whom we extend our sympathy. Philately has lost one of its most informed followers.

Centenary Exhibition Label

A philatelic label has been produced by the Stamp Centenary Exhibit as a means of raising funds to finance this exhibition scheduled for next May at London, but which has been abandoned. The labels are in black or blue, in sheets of four imperforate, and in the center bear an engraved transfer from an original die used over a century ago on Australian bank notes. The transfer is an oval engraving of the famous Chalon portrait of Queen Victoria in her coronation robes. This portrait was used on early issues of half a dozen or more British Colonies. The sheets are sold for one shilling each plus postage by the Committee, 41 Devonshire Pl., London, W. 1, or may be obtained of dealers.

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Oddities Among Stamps

printing these, while messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. printed the paper currency. An order for stamps was mistakenly sent the Perkins firm instead of De La Rue and when they submitted proofs of designs for the four values ordered, 2c, 4c, 6c and 8c, the Sarawak government discovered the error. However, the government, considering the circumstances, ordered the stamps printed by Perkins and this was done and the series is the only one of the island to be their product and are recognized readily by their different designs.

The South Sea islands of Tonga changed postal rates in 1891 from 6 pence and one shilling, for the commonest rates to England to four pence and eight pence. No stamps of those denominations were on hand and not enough of the old 6d and 1/- stamps were on hand to bother overprinting

postage of some 300%. So to protect themselves, they simply printed big stars in the upper corners of all remaining 1d and 2d stamps, which proved a most effective identification mark and kept the islanders from the temptations of dabbling in fraud.

The designers or engravers of Newfoundland's 1886 series, managed in three of the six designs to make blunders of one sort or another. On the 2c portraying just a codfish, the tail being shaped like the end of a shovel instead of "V" shaped; the 5c portraying a seal has the animal with paws, the like of



which had never been seen even in P. T. Barnum's museum; and to cap it all the 13c portraying a topsail schooner with the sea in the foreground very choppy and in the background smooth as a mill pond. To further complicate things in a colony where a large portion of the population earned their livelihood on ships, the sails attached to the fore mast are to windward. Not until 1880 were corrected designs of the first two put into use, and a new ship stamp, a 10c, appeared in 1887, the 13c being no longer necessary.

For seven years the British colony of South Australia issued the most complex assortment of stamps for use of official departments ever devised. Starting in 1868 each official of the government was supplied with stamps for use on his official correspondence. These were simply regular stamps overprinted with initials representing his office. The Inspector of Sheep (an important position

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as sheep raising was a leading industry) had stamps overprinted "I. S."; the Sheriff had stamps overprinted "S."; the Private Secretary had his overprinted "P. S." and so on throughout the government, more than 50 such initial overprints being found. Oddest probably of the lot was that of "L. A." for the Lunatic Asylum—where undoubtedly the post office's bookkeepers wound up. This system was replaced in 1874 by one set of uniform overprint of "O. S." for Official Service and since then Sheriffs, Sheep Inspectors and Keepers have not been dignified with their own stamp issues.

There are no palm trees at the places shown on the 1/2d and 2d George VI stamps of Antigua.

The overprint as found on the Fernando Po provisionals of 1884-1895 is sometimes found on small pieces of plain white or colored paper. These are not proofs but are provisional stamped envelope stamps. In 1895 during a shortage of adhesives, the overprint was stamped on any kind of envelope presented to the post office window.

with new values. So a quantity of 1d and 2d stamps were overprinted with the new values. The postal authorities were worried though, that some one might buy up, here and there, more of the 1d and 2d stamps and overprint them fraudulently, effecting a profit in

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